

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SUPPORTING H. RES. 1021, RECOGNIZING THE COMMENCEMENT OF RAMADAN, THE MUSLIM HOLY MONTH OF FASTING AND SPIRITUAL RENEWAL, AND COMMENDING MUSLIMS IN THE UNITED STATES AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD FOR THEIR FAITH

### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 14, 2022*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 1021 in recognizing the holiest of celebrations of the Islamic faith. The holy month of Ramadan is a sacred time of study, sacrifice, commitment and spiritual renewal—a month of fasting, worship, self-reflection, community, and charitable activities.

Muslim Americans embrace the values and ideals that make our Nation great, such as discipline, egalitarianism, empathy, and moderation. In no month is this more evident than in the month of Ramadan, when, from sunrise to sunset Muslims exercise great discipline in abstaining from eating, drinking, and sensual pleasures from sunrise to sunset.

Occurring on the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar that begins with the sighting of the crescent moon, Ramadan is a month that Muslims recognize as the month that the Qur'an was first revealed to the Prophet Muhammad.

We are reminded during this holy month of the rich diversity and many contributions that Muslim Americans have made in every sector of society. Diversity is a corner stone of American society and success. Our Muslim American community is a vital contributor to our nations diversity, as well as to the talents, perspectives, and achievements that diversity brings.

Unfortunately, racial profiling, harassment, and discrimination against Muslim Americans have increased since the tragedy of 9/11. Many years of Civil Rights jurisprudence and law have been ignored and thrown out the window when America permits the racial profiling, harassment, and discrimination of Muslim Americans to occur with impunity.

Since its establishment in 1994, Council on American Islamic Relations has fulfilled the important role of being a leading advocate for justice and mutual understanding across the United States making it America's largest Islamic civil liberties group. Council on American Islamic Relations has served to enhance understanding of Islam, encourage dialogue, protect civil liberties, empower American Muslims, and build coalitions that promote justice and mutual understanding.

There are approximately 3 million Muslims living in the United States. Muslims make up approximately 1.2% of the population in the Houston area.

The Islamic Society of Greater Houston began in 1969 when local Muslim families

gathered for prayer at a small house in the Medical Center. From this tiny group, their community has grown to include 19 masjids across greater Houston making it the largest Islamic Society in North America.

Through the Shifa Clinics, the Islamic Society of Greater Houston has been healing the community one patient at a time through free medical care provided to all those in need. The Shifa Clinics provide healthcare services ranging from ophthalmology to dentistry to wellness exams and immunizations at 4 clinics across the region.

The Islamic Society of Greater Houston is at the heart of the Houston Muslim Community. It embodies the unity that the Islamic faith brings brothers and sisters together.

Muslims from around the world join in this special joy-filled occasion that brings loved ones together in festive celebration that serves as an inspiration for others.

I have been a proud co-sponsor over the years of the resolution recognizing the start of Ramadan, an important reaffirmation of the diversity and unity of America. Today, I am honored to join my fellow colleagues in recognizing the condemning of Muslim Americans and those around the world for their faith. The Muslim American community is an integral part of the fabric of our nation. We must come together, not apart. Out of many, we are one. May this Ramadan bring joy, peace, and unity throughout the World. Eid Mubarak.

### TRIBUTE IN CELEBRATION OF LORETTA LYNN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

### HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 14, 2022*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Loretta Lynn, in celebration of her 90th birthday. The incredible voice of America's famed coal miner's daughter has resounded across the Appalachian Mountains and around the world, highlighting the resiliency and courage of the people of Eastern Kentucky, where she was born and raised.

Loretta Lynn's superstardom is a remarkable story, rising from her humble beginnings in Butcher Holler to the top of the country music charts. Her Eastern Kentucky roots shine through the lyrics of her most famous songs and paint a prominent picture of hope and perseverance that are iconic in our coal mining region. She has inspired generations of gifted singers from the mountains. Although Nashville gets much of the glory for birthing the superstars of country music, it is in the hills of Eastern Kentucky where many of them were born, raised, and played their first guitars. Loretta Lynn is just one of the many names lining our Country Music Highway in Eastern Kentucky. We have a rich heritage of talented musicians and vocalists, thanks to country music pioneers, like Loretta Lynn, who proved that hard work, mountain grit and

sheer talent makes for an unstoppable combination.

At the age of 28, she signed with her first record label and stepped onto the Grand Ole Opry stage for the first of many times, becoming a member just two years later. In 1972, she was the first woman to be nominated and to win Entertainer of the Year at the Country Music Association (CMA) Awards. She went on to win CMA's Female Vocalist of the Year award in 1967, 1972 and 1973. When we teamed up with Conway Twitty, the duo recorded five consecutive number one hits, winning the CMA's Vocal Duo of the Year award for four consecutive years, 1972 through 1975. Her best-selling autobiography, *Coal Miner's Daughter*, was turned into an Academy Award-winning film in 1980. As her success continued, Loretta Lynn was inducted into the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame and the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1988 at the age of 56. Her portfolio includes 60 studio albums, including five certified gold and one certified platinum record. Earning 18 Grammy nominations and 3 Grammy awards, Loretta Lynn stands now as the most awarded female country recording artist and the only female to be named the Academy of Country Music's Artist of the Decade. Adding to her monumental list of accolades, she was also awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom for her lifetime contributions to the arts.

The people of Kentucky are proud of our own "Coal Miner's Daughter" and the legacy of hope that Loretta Lynn built to move mountains for aspiring young artists from the Appalachian Mountains. On her 90th birthday, we celebrate and applaud the life of Loretta Lynn.

### HONORING THE SERVICE OF MS. OLGA JACKSON

### HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 14, 2022*

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and career of Olga Armour Jackson. Since 1956, Ms. Jackson has performed one of our most important jobs as a professional educator. She has served at every level, as a Kindergarten Teacher, a Head Start Teacher, a Head Start Pre-Kindergarten Teacher, a Teacher of Gifted Children via Project First, an Adult/GED Instructor, an Adjunct Instructor in Early Childhood Education at the Vocational and Community College level, a Program Manager/Trainer and an Early Childhood Education Consultant.

Olga Armour Jackson was born on November 20, 1933, and is the eldest of ten children of the late Reverend Lloyd J. Armour, Sr., and the late Frances Ernestine Henry Armour. Married to the late Lawrence Jackson, Sr., she is mother to Lawrence Jackson, Jr., and Grandmother to Janae' and Jarrell Jackson. Ms. Jackson was educated in the public

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